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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Pages showing the requested changes are attached.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The Examiner is requested to approve the changes to Figures 2 and 18 as indicated in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert as the first line at page 1:

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This is the national stage of PCT/US00/08231, filed March 23, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/126,047, filed March 23, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 10-23, 25 (both occurrences), 27-28, 31-33, 35-37, 49-65, 68-70, 73-76, 78-83, 86-89, 93-105, 107-111, and 113-114 without prejudice. Replace the indicated claims with:

1. (Amended) A compound of formula I:

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